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# Office Action Summary

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## Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 1/30/04 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_.

### DETAILED ACTION

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

2. Claims **1-15** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by **Parikh et al.**  
(see **PTO-892 Non-patent Literature section U**)

Consider **claim 1**, Parikh et al. clearly show and disclose the method for ensuring continuity of a communication session when a user equipment hands over from a first communication network (i.e., WLAN) to a second cellular communication network (i.e., CDMA2000) comprising the steps of: performing an authentication procedure for a packet data session with a second communication network while still being attached to a first communication network (**abstract , introduction, section 4.1 and figure 4**), and simultaneously performing a packet data session establishment procedure with the second communication network while still being attached to the first communication network (**abstract , introduction, section 4.1 and figure 4**).

Consider **claim 2** and **as applied to claim 1 above**, Parikh et al. clearly show and disclose a method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the step of performing the authentication procedure comprises authenticating the second communication network (i.e., the CDMA2000) by a user equipment (i.e., authentication challenge)(**section 4.1 and figure 4**).

Consider **claim 3** and **as applied to claim 2 above**, Parikh et al. clearly show and disclose a method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the step of performing the authentication

procedure comprises authenticating the user equipment by the second communication network (i.e., the authentication challenge) (**section 4.1 and figure 4**).

Consider **claim 4** and **as applied to claim 1 above**, Parikh et al. clearly show and disclose a method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of: providing the first communication network comprising a WLAN network and the second communication network comprising a cellular network (i.e., CDMA2000)(**section 1**).

Consider **claim 5** and **as applied to claim 1 above**, Parikh et al. clearly show and disclose a method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the step of performing the authentication procedure comprises sending information by a user equipment for authentication and packet data session establishment, wherein the information travels either as a separate IP package or is piggybacked with existing signaling (**section 4.1 and figure 4**).

Consider **claim 6** and **as applied to claim 1 above**, Parikh et al. clearly show and disclose a method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of: configuring a gateway node (i.e., AR)(**figure 4.1**) between the first communication network and the second communication network to act as an access router for the first communication network and to host the packet data session in the second communication network (**section 4.1 and figure 4**).

Consider **claim 7** and **as applied to claim 1 above**, Parikh et al. clearly show and disclose a method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of: releasing a packet data session if a user equipment does not handover to the second cellular communication network within a predetermined time thus requiring the user equipment to repeat the authentication procedure if the user equipment is moving towards the second cellular communication network for a specified time (i.e., a gap in coverage) (**section 4.2.1**).

Consider **claim 8** and as **applied to claim 1** above, Parikh et al. clearly show and disclose a method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the steps of: (i) sending by a user equipment a handover trigger indication to a gateway node in the second cellular communication network, wherein the handover trigger indication comprises user equipment identification parameters and a packet data protocol profile (**section 4.1 and figure 4**); (ii) sending by a gateway node the user equipment identification parameters and the packet data protocol profile to a serving node in the second cellular communication network (**section 4.1 and figure 4**); (iii) contacting by the serving node a home location register to obtain user equipment authentication parameters (**section 4.1 and figure 4**); (iv) sending by the serving node a packet data protocol profile request to the gateway node (**section 4.1 and figure 4**); (v) responding by sending by the gateway node a packet data protocol profile response to the serving node(**section 4.1 and figure 4**); (vi) sending by the serving node authentication information to the gateway node(**section 4.1 and figure 4**); (vii) sending the gateway node the authentication information to the user equipment(**section 4.1 and figure 4**); (viii) authenticating by the user equipment the second cellular communication network(**section 4.1 and figure 4**); (ix) sending by the user equipment a response to the serving node and moving the user equipment into the second cellular communication network(**section 4.1 and figure 4**);

Consider **claim 9** and as **applied to claim 1** above, Parikh et al. clearly show and disclose a method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the steps of: (i) sending by a user equipment a handover trigger indication to a gateway node in the second cellular communication network(**section 4.1 and figure 4**); (ii) sending by the gateway node a protocol data unit

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notification request to a serving node in the second cellular communication network(**section 4.1 and figure 4**); (iii) contacting by the serving node a home location register (i.e., HA) to obtain user equipment authentication parameters(**section 4.1 and figure 4**); (iv) sending by the serving node a proxy authentication and a ciphering request to the gateway node(**section 4.1 and figure 4**); (v) converting by the gateway node authentication information in the ciphering request which is then sent to the user equipment(**section 4.1 and figure 4**); (vi) responding by the user equipment with an authentication message which is sent to the gateway node(**section 4.1 and figure 4**); (vii) converting by the gateway node the authentication message from the user equipment and sending a proxy authentication and a ciphering response to the serving node(**section 4.1 and figure 4**); (viii) sending by the serving node a protocol data unit notification response to the gateway node(**section 4.1 and figure 4, conclusion**); (ix) sending by the serving node a create packet data protocol request to the gateway node(**section 4.1 and figure 4, conclusion**) (i.e., see “network initiated bearer setup”); (x) sending by the gateway node a create packet data protocol response to the serving node(**section 4.1 and figure 4, conclusion**) (i.e., see “network initiated bearer setup”); and (xi) replying by the gateway node to the handover trigger indication sent by the user equipment by sending a handover trigger response to the user equipment(**section 4.1 and figure 4**).

Consider **claim 10**, Parikh et al. clearly show and disclose a method for ensuring continuity of a communication session, the method comprising: handing over by a user equipment from a first communication network (i.e., WLAN) (**figures 1 and 2**) to a second cellular communication network (IMT-2000 Radio Network) (**figures 1 and 2**), and when the user equipment hands over from the first communication network to the second cellular

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communication network (**section 4.1 and figure 4**), maintaining an attachment of the user equipment to the second cellular communication network after the user equipment moves away from a coverage area of the second cellular communication network for a predetermined time in order to allow the user equipment to return to the second cellular communication network without having to repeat an authentication procedure and a packet data session establishment procedure before handing over to the second network (i.e., this prevents the spurious handoff triggers ) ( **sections 3.3- 4.2.1**).

Consider **claim 11** and **as applied to claim 10 above**, Parikh et al. clearly show and disclose a method as claimed in claim 10, further comprising the step of: releasing a packet data session if the user equipment does not handover to the second cellular communication network within the predetermined time thus requiring the user equipment to repeat the authentication procedure if the user equipment is moving towards the second cellular communication network for a specified time (i.e., a gap in coverage and other areas for potential spurious handoff triggers) (**section 4.2.1**).

Consider **claim 12** and **as applied to claim 10 above**, Parikh et al. clearly show and disclose a method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the steps of: (i) sending by a user equipment a handover trigger indication to a gateway node in the second cellular communication network, wherein the handover trigger indication comprises user equipment identification parameters and a packet data protocol profile (**section 4.1 and figure 4**); (ii) sending by a gateway node the user equipment identification parameters and the packet data protocol profile to a serving node in the second cellular communication network (**section 4.1 and figure 4**); (iii) contacting by the serving node a home location register to obtain user equipment authentication

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parameters (**section 4.1 and figure 4**); (iv) sending by the serving node a packet data protocol profile request to the gateway node (**section 4.1 and figure 4**); (v) responding by sending by the gateway node a packet data protocol profile response to the serving node(**section 4.1 and figure 4**); (vi) sending by the serving node authentication information to the gateway node(**section 4.1 and figure 4**); (vii) sending the gateway node the authentication information to the user equipment(**section 4.1 and figure 4**); (viii) authenticating by the user equipment the second cellular communication network(**section 4.1 and figure 4**); (ix) sending by the user equipment a response to the serving node and moving the user equipment into the second cellular communication network(**section 4.1 and figure 4**);

Consider **claim 13** and as applied to **claim 10** above, Parikh et al. clearly show and disclose a method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the steps of: (i) sending by a user equipment a handover trigger indication to a gateway node in the second cellular communication network(**section 4.1 and figure 4**); (ii) sending by the gateway node a protocol data unit notification request to a serving node in the second cellular communication network(**section 4.1 and figure 4**); (iii) contacting by the serving node a home location register to obtain user equipment authentication parameters(**section 4.1 and figure 4**); (iv) sending by the serving node a proxy authentication and a ciphering request to the gateway node(**section 4.1 and figure 4**); (v) converting by the gateway node authentication information in the ciphering request which is then sent to the user equipment(**section 4.1 and figure 4**); (vi) responding by the user equipment with an authentication message which is sent to the gateway node(**section 4.1 and figure 4**); (vii) converting by the gateway node the authentication message from the user equipment and sending a proxy authentication and a ciphering response to the serving node(**section 4.1 and figure 4**);



(viii) sending by the serving node a protocol data unit notification response to the gateway node(**section 4.1 and figure 4, conclusion**); (ix) sending by the serving node a create packet data protocol request to the gateway node(**section 4.1 and figure 4**) (i.e., see “network initiated bearer setup”); (x) sending by the gateway node a create packet data protocol response to the serving node(**section 4.1 and figure 4, conclusion**) (i.e., see “network initiated bearer setup”); and (xi) replying by the gateway node to the handover trigger indication sent by the user equipment by sending a handover trigger response to the user equipment(**section 4.1 and figure 4**).

Consider **claim 14**, Parikh et al. clearly show and disclose a communication system (**abstract and introduction**) comprising a user equipment, a first communication network and a second cellular communication network, the system being arranged to: enable continuity of a communication session when a user equipment moves from a coverage area of the first communication network to a coverage area of a second cellular communication network (**abstract, introduction, section 4.1 and figure 4**), simultaneously perform an authentication procedure for a packet data session with the second cellular communication network and perform a packet data session establishment procedure with the second cellular communication network while the user equipment is still attached to the first communication network(**abstract , introduction, section 4.1 and figure 4**).

Consider **claim 15**, Parikh et al. clearly show and disclose the communication system (**figures 1-4**) for ensuring continuity of a communication session when a user equipment hands over from a first communication network to a second cellular communication network (**abstract and introduction**), the communication system comprising: first performing means for

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performing an authentication procedure for a packet data session with a second communication network while still being attached to a first communication network(**abstract , introduction, section 4.1 and figure 4**), and second performing means for simultaneously performing a packet data session establishment procedure with the second communication network while still being attached to the first communication network(**abstract , introduction, section 4.1 and figure 4**).


### *Conclusion*

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles Shedrick whose telephone number is (571)-272-8621. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday 8:00AM-4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kincaid Lester can be reached on (571)-272-7922. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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